

2007 MONTANA YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY

GENDER COMPARISON

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2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey A Gender Comparison of Montana High School Data

Unintentional Injuries and Violence			
The percent of students who. . .	MT High School	Male	Female
Never or rarely wore a bicycle helmet	83.8	83.9	83.8
Never or rarely wore a seat belt when riding in a car driven by someone else	14.2	18.5	9.7
Never or rarely wore a seat belt when driving a car	14.9	18.9	10.7
Rode one or more times in a car or other vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol, in the past 30 days	32.9	31.5	34.5
Drove a car or other vehicle one or more times when they had been drinking alcohol, in the past 30 days	16.0	17.0	14.9
Carried a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on one or more of the past 30 days	22.1	35.2	8.8
Carried a gun on one or more of the past 30 days	7.8	13.4	2.1
Carried a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property on one or more of the past 30 days	9.7	15.6	3.7
Did not go to school on one or more of the past 30 days because they felt unsafe at school or on their way to or from school	4.2	4.0	4.4
Had been threatened or injured with a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property one or more times during the past 12 months	7.0	8.6	5.3
Had property, such as their car, clothing, or books stolen or damaged on school property during the past 12 months	28.6	30.8	26.3
Were in a physical fight one or more times during the past 12 months	32.8	40.2	25.3
Were injured in a physical fight one or more times during the past 12 months and had to be treated by a doctor or nurse	3.7	4.9	2.5
Were in a physical fight on school property one or more times during the past 12 months	12.0	15.7	8.1
Were ever hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by their boyfriend or girlfriend during the past 12 months	10.6	11.3	9.7
Have ever been physically forced to have sexual intercourse when they did not want to	8.8	5.0	12.7
During the past 12 months, ever felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that they stopped doing some usual activities	25.8	17.7	34.0
Seriously considered attempting suicide during the past 12 months	15.1	11.0	19.3
Made a plan about how they would attempt suicide during the past 12 months	13.2	11.0	15.4
Actually attempted suicide one or more times during the past 12 months	7.9	5.7	9.9
Attempted suicide during the past 12 months that resulted in an injury, poisoning, or overdose that had to be treated by a doctor or nurse	2.7	2.4	3.1

Tobacco Use			
The percent of students who . . .	MT High School	Male	Female
Ever tried cigarette smoking	52.1	51.4	52.5
Smoked a whole cigarette for the first time before age 13	14.7	15.3	14.1
Smoked a cigarette on one or more of the past 30 days (current)	20.0	18.6	21.3
Smoked cigarettes on 20 or more of the past 30 days (frequent)	8.1	7.6	8.4
Smoked two or more cigarettes per day on the days they smoked during the past 30 days	11.8	11.0	12.4
Smoked more than 10 cigarettes per day on the days that they smoked during the past 30 days	7.7	9.9	5.6
Usually got their own cigarettes by buying them in a store or gas station during the past 30 days	9.3	14.0	5.3
Smoked cigarettes on school property on one or more of the past 30 days	6.2	6.2	6.3
Ever smoked cigarettes daily, that is, at least one cigarette every day for 30 days	12.9	12.0	13.7
Are current smokers, and tried to quit smoking during the past 12 months	55.0	49.2	60.2
Used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip on one or more of the past 30 days	12.9	20.3	5.3
Used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip on school property on one or more of the past 30 days	7.3	12.0	2.4
Smoked cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars on one or more of the past 30 days	15.5	20.1	10.6
Smoked cigarettes or cigars or used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip during the past 30 days	30.0	34.4	25.4

Alcohol and Other Drug Use

The percent of students who . . .	MT High School	Male	Female
Had at least one drink of alcohol on one or more days during their life	77.8	78.0	77.6
Had their first drink of alcohol other than a few sips before age 13	25.9	29.1	22.6
Had at least one drink of alcohol on one or more of the past 30 days	46.5	46.4	46.7
Had five or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours, on one or more of the past 30 days	32.7	32.8	32.7
Currently use alcohol and usually got the alcohol by buying it in a store such as a liquor store, convenience store, supermarket, discount store, or gas station	3.4	5.6	1.0
Had at least one drink of alcohol on school property on one or more of the past 30 days	5.7	6.6	4.7
Used marijuana one or more times during their life	39.1	39.7	38.3
Tried marijuana for the first time before age 13	9.5	10.9	7.8
Used marijuana one or more times during the past 30 days	21.0	22.7	19.3
Used marijuana on school property one or more times during the past 30 days	5.0	6.2	3.8
Used any form of cocaine, including powder, crack, or freebase one or more times during their life	8.3	9.3	7.2
Used any form of cocaine, including powder, crack, or freebase one or more times during the past 30 days	2.9	3.4	2.4
Sniffed glue, breathed the contents of aerosol cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high one or more times during their life	16.2	14.4	18.1
Used heroin one or more times during their life	2.5	3.2	1.8
Used methamphetamines one or more times during their life	4.6	4.5	4.7
Used ecstasy one or more times during their life	6.0	6.8	5.2
Took steroid pills or shots without a doctor's prescription one or more times during their life	2.8	3.6	2.0
Used a needle to inject any illegal drug into their body one or more times during their life	2.0	2.3	1.6
Were offered, sold, or given an illegal drug on school property by someone during the past 12 months	24.9	27.2	22.4

Sexual Behaviors			
The percent of students who . . .	MT High School	Male	Female
Ever had sexual intercourse	45.7	44.8	46.4
Had sexual intercourse for the first time before age 13	5.1	6.8	3.4
Had sexual intercourse with four or more people during their life	13.7	14.5	12.7
Had sexual intercourse with one or more people during the past three months	31.2	27.6	34.8
Have ever had sexual intercourse but have not had sexual intercourse during the past three months	31.8	37.8	24.7
During the past three months, drank alcohol or used drugs before last sexual intercourse	26.0	32.2	21.3
Had sexual intercourse during the past three months and used a condom during last sexual intercourse	63.3	72.7	55.8
Had sexual intercourse during the past three months and used birth control pills during last sexual intercourse	23.4	15.0	30.0
Had ever been taught about AIDS or HIV infection	89.7	89.4	90.4

Weight Management and Dietary Behaviors

The percent of students who . . .	MT High School	Male	Female
Are at risk for becoming overweight	13.3	13.8	12.9
Are overweight	10.1	13.7	6.3
Described themselves as slightly or very overweight	29.1	21.9	36.4
Were trying to lose weight	43.6	26.1	61.7
Exercised to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight during the past 30 days	61.4	51.6	71.5
Ate less food, fewer calories, or foods low in fat to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight during the past 30 days	38.8	23.3	55.0
Went without eating for 24 hours or more to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight during the past 30 days	12.0	7.8	16.3
Took diet pills, powders, or liquids without a doctor's advice to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight during the past 30 days	6.3	5.1	7.5
Vomited or took laxatives to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight during the past 30 days	5.6	3.6	7.7
Drank 100% fruit juices one or more times during the past 7 days	82.2	83.2	81.3
Ate fruit one or more times during the past 7 days	88.9	86.9	90.9
Ate green salad one or more times during the past 7 days	70.4	65.9	74.9
Ate potatoes one or more times during the past 7 days	73.8	73.9	73.6
Ate carrots one or more times during the past 7 days	57.3	57.5	57.0
Ate other vegetables one or more times during the past 7 days	85.0	83.2	86.8
Ate five or more servings of fruits and vegetables per day during the past 7 days	17.1	19.1	14.9
Drank a can, bottle, or glass of soda or pop one of more times per day during the past 7 days	26.2	31.1	21.1
Drank three or more glasses of milk per day during the past 7 days	18.7	22.9	14.3

Physical Activity			
The percent of students who . . .	MT High School	Male	Female
Were physically active for 60 minutes or more per day on five or more of the past seven days	44.9	52.6	36.9
Watched three or more hours of TV per day on an average school day	22.2	24.9	19.5
Played video or computer games or used a computer for something that was not school work three or more hours per day on an average school day	16.2	20.1	12.0
Attended physical education (PE) class one or more days during an average school week	53.8	59.1	48.5
Attended physical education (PE) class daily	32.8	37.4	28.2
Played on one or more sports teams during the past 12 months	59.6	61.8	57.3

Other			
The percent of students who . . .	MT High School	Male	Female
Had ever been told by a doctor or nurse that they had asthma	20.9	20.3	21.4
Currently have asthma	11.1	9.8	12.4
Received help from a resource teacher, speech therapist or other special education teacher at school during the past 12 months	12.4	14.2	10.7
Drive with a valid license or permit and completed driver education (classroom and behind-the-wheel)	58.8	59.3	58.4